Charles Midowicz

April 9, 1941.

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Dear Charles:

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alliance College on March 21st, last, a discussed a promotion of a series of fireworks displays in the Polish communities east of Chicago and the funds realized from the same would be equally divided between the Polish Relief Council and the party furnishing the shows.

I have written Mr. Sieczkiewicz several letters and have spoken to him several times about the aforesaid shows and promotion of the same but it seems that time does not permit him to devote any thought to the same. As you know, he referred me to you as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

I do not know whether or not you have knowledge of all details of the suggestion but presuming that you would like to have a better picture of the same, I submit briefly the following: some reasonable admission would be charged to see the display and as an added inducement, this party proposes that an automobile and/or tickets to some resort be given or drawn, as the circumstances may warrant. With advertisements and good fortune, he feels that the Council would benefit from $75,000. to 100,000. All this party requires from the Council and its local agencies is an official sanction that funds collected from such displays, a certain percentage would go for relief of Polish refugees---or any other purpose. There are 50-60 cities and towns for exhibitions are made, local agencies may appoint one of their own members to act as Treasurer who need not be bonded. Invitations until the display is

completed. All necessary insurance coverage against liability is carried. This party and his associates put on the firework display for the "Timber Carnival" movie at Dartmouth. They have a similar contract at Rye Beach, New York, and numerous displays in New Hampshire and Maine resorts.

I feel that the suggestion merits serious consideration from the Council as it has very little work to do. The only troublesome point is that of the 50% exemption from the [illegible] established and promulgated by the Secretary of State. I have no conclusive proof but there is doubt in my mind whether the other half of the [illegible] to the letter of the regulation. I believe that the official action of the Public [illegible] promulgated by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 3 of the Municipality Act of 1939.

I wish the Council would render a decision on the suggestion as soon as possible should the 50% ex[illegible] be a formality to notify me one way or the other of the result.

May I hear from you as soon as possible relative to the matter.

With best regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

JFF.

April 10, 1941

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Dear Charles:

Supplementing my information relative to firework display as stated in letter of yesterday, please find enclosed herewith a clipping from the Springfield, Mass., Union morning edition newspaper, in regard to what the British War Relief Society plans to do on July 4th, next. I doubt very much whether the aforesaid Society can show so much and still follow the 30% expense rule of the Secretary of State.

Evidently, the suggestion about firework displays and the giving away of substantial prizes is not a flight by night scheme as I am sure that the cozy "British" would not venture into the same if the return or potential return was not there. Let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

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